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- ASSEMBLY AND THE SHURA COUNCIL

SUMMARY. IN HIS NOVEMBER 1 SPEECH TO THE JOINT SESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND THE SHURA COUNCIL, PRESIDENT SADAT'S MOST STRONGLY WORDED AND EXTENSIVE STATEMENTS WERE TARGETED AT THE DISARRAY AMONG OTHER ARAB NATIONS. SADAT REAFFIRMED EGYPT'S COMMITMENT TO PURSUE NORMALIZATION WITH ISRAEL, AND AGAIN STRESSED THAT FULL PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY AND A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE SETTLEMENT WERE EGYPT'S ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES. LITTLE NEW WAS SAID ABOUT INTERNAL MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

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1. PEACE PROCESS. PRESIDENT SADAT REITERATED HIS COMMITMENT TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL DESPITE EXISTING DIFFERENCES, AS WELL AS TO THE GOAL OF PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY. HE CALLED FOR OTHER ARAB NATIONS TO JOIN IN THE PROCESS OF SEEKING A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE SETTLEMENT. HE ALSO MADE FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO THE NAVON VISIT. PRAISING THE CONTRIBUTION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S ROLE IN THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS, SADAT CALLED AGAIN FOR A TRIPARTITE SUMMIT CONFERENCE. MAKING NO

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MENTION OF TIMING.

2. INTER-ARAB RELATIONS. SADAT'S MOST EMPHATIC STATEMENTS DEALT WITH THE DETERIORATION AND CONFUSION IN INTER-ARAB RELATIONS. IN A LONG LIST CATALOGUING THE DISARRAY AMONG ARAB NATIONS, HE NOTED QADAFI'S RENEGING ON PROMISE TO FINANCE TANKS FOR HUSAYN, FRAGMENTATION OF REJECTIONIST FRONT AND SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SOME ARAB COUNTRIES. HE LABELLED IRAQ THE AGGRESSOR IN THE CONFLICT WITH IRAN. SADAT REJECTED ANY IDEA OF BLAMING CAMP DAVID FOR THE LACK OF ARAB SOLIDARITY.

3. ECONOMY. ON THE ECONOMY, SADAT PAINTED A BRIGHT, IMPROVING PICTURE. HE ASSERTED THAT THE PRICE CONTROL SYSTEM WAS WORKING AND JUSTIFIED RECENT MEASURES AS HAVING STEMMED INFLATION. "IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ONLY MEAT; THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE GONE UP. WE STRUCK AT THIS TREND."

4. AFGHANISTAN. REFERRING TO SOVIET ATTACK ON AFGHANISTAN, SADAT EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT FAILURE OF ISLAMIC GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT EVEN "A SINGLE RESOLUTION" AGAINST SOVIET ACTION. HE DESCRIBED HIS RECENT CREATION OF THE LEAGUE OF ISLAMIC AND ARAB PEOPLE AS EGYPT'S

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RESPONSE.

5. PAHLAVI'S. SADAT REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO PROTECT THE SON AND FAMILY OF THE LATE SHAH OF IRAN AND TO "BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM UNTIL I DIE." HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT EGYPT RECOGNIZES THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION "BECAUSE THIS IS THE WILL OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE UNTIL THEY CHOOSE ANOTHER WILL...." AThERTON

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